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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Nan Patterson is in receipt every day at the Tombs of large quantities of mail. ——Russians are pushing work on the Black Sea fleet with the greatest energy. Holland denies the report that she has placed an island at the disposition of the Russian squadron. ——Dense fog over New York harbor delayed shipping and caused collisions between ferryboats and vessels. ——Boilers at the electric lighting plant of Covington, Ga., exploded, killing one man. ——Two men hanged in jail at Thomson, Ga., for murder. ——British steamer ashore at Fire Island, N. Y., was in dangerous position last night. ——Unknown white man fell from Shoo Fly train near Tarboro Monday night, and was killed. ——Young woman killed by jumping from a third-story window in New York city, was from Lancaster, Pa. ——The condition of ships of the Russian navy is sharply criticised by the press of St. Petersburg. ——Chief of police at Oakwood, Ga., and another men fatally shot in a street fight. ——Travis Johnson murdered at Pensacola, Fla. ——One man burned to death and five others seriously injured by an explosion yesterday at a steel plant at Braddock, Pa. ——Missouri, Iowa and Illinois are in the throes of a blizzard; the cold wave is advancing southward; a fall of 20 to 35 degrees in temperature is forcasted. ——Suit has been entered against Pat Calhoun, of Atlanta, for stock in the Houston, Tex., Oil Co., of the value of $4,189,300. ——Call for an interstate convention of cotton-growers, in New Orleans, January 24th, has been issued. ——N. Y. markets: Money on call was quoted steady at 2½ per cent.; cotton—the market was quiet at 7.35c; flour was dull; wheat—spot firm; No.2 red nominal; corn—spot firm, No. 2 56c.; oats—spot quiet, mixed,36@32 pounds,35@36c; rosin dull; spirits turpentine easy at 53@53½c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 27.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 62; 8 P. M., 67 degrees; maximum, 71 degrees; minimum 50 degrees; mean 60 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .01; rainfall since first of the month to date, 1.69 inches.

STORM WARNING.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—Southwest storm warning 9:40 A. M., Jacksonville, Savannah, Charleston, Wilmington, Morehead, Washington, Columbia, Norfolk, Newport News, Fort Monroe. Vigorous storm central in the Mississippi valley, moving eastward. The winds along the South Atlantic coast will increase from the southwest and become high this afternoon and to night, shifting to northwest Wednesday morning.

COLD WAVE.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 27.—Temperature will fall to about 20 degrees by Thursday morning.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—For North Carolina: Fair and decidedly colder with a cold wave Wednesday. Thursday fair, high northwest winds.

Port Almanac--December 28.

Sun Rises	7.10 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.59 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 42 M.
High Water at Southport	12.15 P. M.
High Water at Wilmington	2.45 P. M.

A magazine writer inquires: "Do the stars explode?" Guess so, but we know for sure that chorus girls do.

"After all, the Smoot affair appears to be more Smut than Smoot."—Charleston News and Courier. Either one suits us.

Dr. Lymann Abbott is just now announcing what kind of God he believes in. He is as slow as a hearse in finding out "where he is at."

New York has a minister named the Rev. Thomas Slicer. He is not only a "splicer" but if there's anything in a name he could "carve dat 'possum."

If you get into trouble for having more than the lawful quota of wives, you should declare that you are a Mormon and entitled to the non-interference policy at Washington.

"You can get diamonds in the Africa diamond fields almost at your asking," says a writer. Still, we'll have to go without stones. Walking to Africa is not good.

The Baltimore Sun goes on calling attention to the fact that there are 1,638,321 less females than males in the United States. Sh! Some frenzied financier might take advantgage of the "gherl" shortage to corner the matrimonial market.

The Canadians are opposing reciprocity with the United States. Of course. They want the Canadian market for Canadian producers. Other countries can play Uncle Sam's game, which ultimately will compel us to live off each other.

Young Mr. Tiffany, of New York, declaes that he cannot live on sixteen thousand dollars a year. We would like to get a ten years job as tutor to learn him how to live on it and wear diamonds. How 'bout it, Tiff, old boy?

Some kind of a Professor Crook keeps on bragging that he never hugged or kissed a girl. We'll be drot if we'd confess to an alibi like that even it it were proven jam up on us. Some men are simply short on gallantry.

Some gentleman writer now declares that "every woman is beautiful." If he had only made the announcement before Christmas his half-hose would have been so filled up that the "jewlry" would have overflowed at every hole in the toe of his socks.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Don't forget the Haymakers' masquerade ball to-night at Hibernian hall. See advertisement.

— The receipts of cotton at the port oi Wilmington yesterday were 473 bales, against 760 bales the corresponding day in December, 1903.

— The foundation of the new hotel at Wrightsville Beach has been completed. The building will be finished in ample time for the next season.

— The Howard Relief Company will give a dance for their members Monday night, January the 2nd, at the club house, on Front and Orange streets.

— One of the prettiest calendars received at the STAR office is that distributed by Mr. J. O. Brown, manufacturer of buggies, wagons, carts, etc., Second and Princess streets.

— The health office records yesterday showed that Lizzie Allen, colored, died yesterday at 108 Marstella street, and recorded the death of an infant of Samuel Mosely, colored, 1324 Red Cross street.

— The Register of Deeds on yesterday issued marriage licenses to two white and two colored couples. The white couples were as follows: Mr. Louis Jones, of Wrightsville, and Mrs. Sarah W. Wells, of this city; Mr. Robert H. Jarman, of Newbern, and Miss Lillian Elizabeth Jones, of Wilmington.

GOOD SIDEWALKS.

The Mayor and Aldermen Giving This Matter Special Attention.

The STAR on yesterday mentioned several sidewalks that are being put down by the city for property owners who furnish the material. We understand that Mayor Springer and the Aldermen are giving special attention to the matter of good pavements and considerable work along that line has been agreed upon. They have immensely improved the streets by macadamizing the driveways of numerous thoroughfares and have had an astonishing amount of this work done. It is a credit to the city, and we are glad that the sidewalk question is also to receive their attention.

Among the new sidewalks for which arrangements have already been made and which are to be laid right away is one on the north side of Walnut street from Front to Second street, and thence up the west side of Second street to Grace street.

Another one is the sidewalk around Mrs. M. E. Griffin's residence on Third and Walnut streets, the blocks to be laid both on the east side of Third street and on the south side of Walnut street.

Still another will be the laying of the sidewalk on both streets at the northeast corner of Fifth and Dock streets, where Mr. L. Bluethental is completing a very handsome residence.

The sidewalk in front of the residence of Dr. W. C. Galloway and the Rothwell house on the west side of Third street between Princess and Chesnut streers, is now being put down. This pavement is to be continued along the front of the Odd Fellows' new building at the northwest corner of Second and Princess streets.

There are other sidewalk improvements in contemplation and the coming year will witness extensive improvements of this kind.

The sidewalks above mentioned are to be of bricks or octagonal concrete paving blocks. Mr. W. E. Glenn, the well known contractor, has established an extensive plant on the sand lot joining the United States Marine hospital, where he makes the concrete blocks now being used for paving sidewalks in various parts of the city.

Mr. John Parham Dead.

Mr. W. L. Burkhimer, Chief of Records of Eyota Tribe of Red Men, received a telegram from Charleston last night stating that Mr. John Parham, a former member of that lodge died in that city yesterday afternoon. Mr. Parham was a printer by trade and formerly resided in Wilmington. He was foreman of the Messenger office on two different occasions. He leaves a wife and one little daughter, to whom the sympathy of friends here will go out.

Death of Mr. William B. Williams.

Mr. William B. Williams, aged 28 years, died at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon at 417 Castle street. He leaves a wife but no children, and to her goes out the sympathy of friends and acquaintances. The funeral took place at the residence yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, and was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Hogue, rector of Saint James' Episcopal church. The interment was made at Oakdale cemetery.

Among the Shipping.

The New York steamer Carib, Captain Chichester, arrived in port yesterday with a large cargo of merchandise consigned to Wilmington merchants.

The American schooner Young Brothers, Captain Gabrielson, arrived in port from New York yesterday with a cargo of coal. The vessel comes to C. D. Maffitt,

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A. S. Kirby—Notice.
J. C. Shepard—Lung Food.
H. W. Koing—Application.
George Honnet—Our thanks.
Academy—The tie that binds.
Platt & Harr—After Christmas.
T. D. Love Co.—Announcement.
Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.

PILOTAGE QUESTION.

Conference of Chamber of Commerce and Pilots Last Night to Exchange Views.

TO ELIMINATE COMPULSION.

That Was the Argument of the Chamber of Commerce Representatives—The Pilots Urged the Necessity of Compulsion—Other Notes.

Yesterday afternoon a delegation representing the Cape Fear Pilots' Association came up to the city from Southport to confer with Senator elect B. G. Empie with reference to the proposition of the Chamber of Commerce to repeal the act of the General Assembly providing for compulsory pilotage at the post of Wilmington. They talked the matter over with Mr. Empie and submitted their reasons why compulsion was necessary to the maintenance of an efficient pilotage system, and submitted arguments why Mr. Empie should oppose the proposed bill to abolish the present compulsory act which has been in force long prior to the Civil war.

CONFERENCE LAST NIGHT.

Senator elect Empie and Representative-elect G. J. Boney desired to hear both sides of the question, and at their suggestion a conference of members of the Chamber of Commerce and the representatives of the Pilots' Association was held last night at 8 o'clock at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. Messrs Empie and Boney attended and the following were in attendance:

Pilots Ccaptains J. W. Craig, J. J. Adkins, S. F. Craig and H. C. Corlett.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce: President J. A. Taylor, Secretary James Kyle and Mr. Aubrey Parsley.

Ship Brokers: Messrs. C. D. Maffitt and A. S. Heide. Mr. George Harriss, former ship broker, was also present.

Ship Masters: Capt. C. Gabrelsen, of the American schooner Young Brothers; Capt. H. M. Dodge, of the American schooner Elizabeth J. Pendleton; Capt. C. Robinson, of the British bark Musselcrag, and Capt. F. R. Pendleton, of New York, vessel owner and master.

Senator Elect Empie presided, and stated the object of the conference. He stated that Representative elect Boney and himself desired information upon the subject of compulsory pilotage and the reasons for the proposition to abolish it. Therefore it was thought no more than right to call this conference so that they could hear the matter pro and con, so they could act intelligently when they go to Raleigh to attend the General Assembly which is to act upon the proposed bill to abolish the compulsory pilotage laws. They would like to hear the reasons why a repeal of the law is desired and what the defense of compulsory pilotage is. They simply wanted data upon which they could act intelligently at Raleigh. They wanted to hear what the needs of the port are and what the rights of the pilots are in the matter. It is a matter of very considerable importance to the commercial interests of Wilmington and to the rights of the pilots, and it was proposed to talk it over friendly at this meeting—not to engage in personalities, pick flaws in anybody's character and hurt any body's feeling. The purpose of the conference was to come down to business in an effort to get at what course was right in the matter at issue. He desired to know what the pilotage laws are now and in what particulars it is desired to amend them. He wanted the gentlemen present to go back to the early conditions of Wilmington on the Cape Fear river and bar so that the basis of a satisfactory bill could be presented to the Legislature. He said he had before him the draft of a bill which was presented to the General Assembly two years ago and was defeated.

After making his statement Mr. Empie asked how long the compulsory pilotage laws had been in force. Capt. S. F. Craig said for time immemorial—at least for four generations. He knew the law had been in force for at least 50 years.

To a question by Mr. Empie as to whether he considered compulsory pilotage necessary now, Capt. Craig replied that it is as necessary now as it was fifty years ago; that then the river and bar were shallow and only vessels of light draft came to this port. Compulsory pilotage was, therefore, a necessity for the safety of the port, and since the government has improved the bar and channel compulsory pilotage was equally necessary for the reason that in the early days when the maximum depth of water in the channel was but 12 feet the channel was much wider than now; while the channel now enabled vessels of 20 to 23 feet to be brought up to the city the channel was only 148 feet wide; vessels of deep draft now come here instead of the light draft vessels of days gone by, hence it was necessary for safety to have an efficient pilotage system.

Captain J. W. Craig, the oldest pilot now doing active service, said he had been piloting for 48 years, and it was his opinion that compulsory pilotage was as necessary now as it ever was. When the channel was shallow, vessels of only 200 tonnage can have white now, ships of 3,000 tonnage come up to Wilmington.

Instead of the light draft vessels carrying 2,000 bales of cotton, ships now come here and carry out 18,000 bales, consequently more skill in handling such ships was required than was necessary to handle the small vessels. He stated that in 1856 the Legislature repealed the compulsory law but in January 1857 it was reenacted because its repeal was found to have been a mistake. Every since then it has been in force, but for several year a fight had been waged against it. He deplored this, and spoke at some length in defense of the compulsory pilotage laws. He declared that while the State had a right to fix the rate of pilotage, the Federal government only had supervision of steamers, then the towing tugs could fix their own rates. Ships would therefore be at the mercy of the tugs. He declared that compulsory pilotage was a protection to shipping.

President J. A. Taylor and Mr. Aubrey Parsley presented the argument for the repeal of the present laws. They made strong arguments along the line indicated in President Taylor's annual message to the Chamber of Commerce. It was held that since the government has expended $5,000,000 in improving the harbor and river, fewer conditions which required compulsory pilotage had been done away with. The compulsory laws now hampered the commerce of the port was a burden to shippers and affected the price of products in this country. Messrs. Taylor and Parsley went over the strong points which we gave in The STAR a few days ago presenting that side of the question. They were supplemented by a strong argument against compulsion, and Captain Robinson, of the British barque Musselcrag, also stated that in his opinion compulsory pilotage was not necessary. He declared that any experienced navigator could come across that bar, but while he was satisfied that he could steer a vessel in the river channel after a tug, he would not undertake to navigate the channels He also exhibited bills for what he considered exhorbitant towing charges and docking fees.

Captain J. J. Adkins argued clearly for the pilots' side, and made some cutting remarks to Captain Robinson about his claims.

Mr. Parsley explained that the bill which the Legislature would be asked to pass would amend the law by eliminating compulsory pilotage, allowing ship-masters to use their privilege and discretion whether to take a pilot or not, and to reduce the rates of tonnage to the basis of Savannah and Norfolk. He held that the changed condition of the bar and channel made the compulsory feature injurious to the port, and why take away the master's privilege to say whether or not he needed a pilot. He held that it ought to be abolished.

There was a running discussion on all sides, and many questions were asked and answered. Good arguments were made on both sides, and Messrs. Empie and Boney got enough to put them to thinking hard.

OUTLAW CAPTURED.

Deputy Sheriff Monaghan Arrests Noted Desperado.

Fayetteville Observer: Deputy Sheriff Monaghan made an arrest on Saturday, which is, perhaps, the most important that has been made in this section for many a day.

Since the burglaries which have been committed in this city during the past week, Mr. Monaghan has been quietly working on the case, and on Saturday morning apprehended the leader of the gang of thieves, now known to have operated extensively between here and Wilson.

The man, a negro, Will Harriss, alias Will Jones, by which name he is known here, is an outlaw of the most desperate character. He is an escaped convict from the penitentiary, also from the chain gang at Smithfield, where he was serving a five years' term for burglary; also wanted by the United States authorities for robbing the mails at Smithfield of $3,000.

FORT FISHER VETERAN.

Gen. Pennypacker, of Pennsylvania, Promoted to Brigadier General.

The Philadelphia Record says:

"At the head of a long list of promotions in the regular army sent to the Senate by President Roosevelt, stands the name of Col. Galusha Pennypacker, retired, for Brigadier General. This is a just though tardy recognition of the distinguished services of a Pennsylvania hero who was a major before his majority and who came out of the deadly fire of Fort Fisher a victorious and severely wounded major general of volunteers. Since his retirement from the regular army because of disabilities from many wounds received in action, General Pennypacker has been residing in Philadelphia."

General Pennypacker is a brother of the late Capt. E. J. Pennypacker, once collector of the port of Wilmington. Governor Pennypacker, of Pennsylvania, is also a member of the same family.

THE MUNISIPAL COURT.

Mayor Springer Disposed of Numerous Cases Yesterday—Fines, Costs, Etc.

Mayor Springer had another big docket in the municipal court yesterday. The prisoners' box was overflowing with prisoners who "cut up" too much on account of Christmas, most of them were negroes.

The court disposed of twelve cases and continued several till to-day. The charges were drunk and down, drunk and disorderly, disorderly conduct and affrays. In the twelve cases the fines and costs aggregate $90.80.

Marriage Last Night.

At 8 o'clock last evening at the residence of Esquire W. McD. Evans, he united in marriage Mr. Lewis Jones, of Wrightsville, and Mrs. Sarah C Wells, of this city. The couple will reside at 416 Red Cross street.

CITY MATTERS.

Meeting of Board of Aldermen To-morrow Night to Consider Liquor Licenses.

THE PARK COMMISSION.

Meeting to be Held Saturday Night to Consider the Draft of a Bill to Enable the City to Establish a Park—Other City Notes.

Mayor Springer on yesterday issued a call for a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen to-morrow night to consider applications for license to sell spirituous and malt liquors for the six months beginning January 1st.

The call for the meeting also includes consideration of the petition of citizens to increase the liquor license fees from $22 a month to $1,000 per annum. In that convention the Board will receive the petition of the citizens. It is understood that the liquor dealers will be represented at the meeting to give their side of the proposition to increase the license more than three times what it is at present.

THE MATTER OF A PARK.

A couple of months ago the Board of Aldermen appointed a Park Commission for the purpose of taking steps to establish a public park to be maintained by the city of Wilmington for the pleasure and recreation of the people of the city. The commission consists of Mayor Wm. E. Springer and Aldermen W. H. Yopp, and Q. C. Moore. They have given a good deal of consideration to this important matter, and at their instance City Attorney William J. Bellamy has drafted a bill to be presented to the General Assembly for passage at its session in January.

The Commission will meet at the Mayor's office in the city hall on Saturday night to discuss the bill drawn up by the city attorney and to take whatever steps are necessary to secure its passage after the Commission and the Board of Aldermen approve the bill.

It will require $25,000 or $30,000 to purchase land and to lay off and improve the park. The proposed bill empowers the city to purchase land and establish the park and improve the same in the way of beautifying it and doing whatever is necessary to make it attractive as a resort. It also authorizes the city to borrow money to carry out the plans for the park; empowers the city to work the convicts of the municipal court in the work of grading, laying off and maintaining the park; and to condemn property under the right of eminent domain, necessary to the establishment of a park. The bill authorizes the Board of Aldermen to appoint a permanent Park Commission, the members of which will serve, respectively, one for two years, one for four years and one for six years. At the meeting Saturday night the bill will be carefully gone over and it will be framed to suit the wishes of the commission. They will exchange ideas and formulate plans for the proposed park, and report the bill and their plans at an early meeting of the Board of Aldermen. They propose to push the matter and we are sure our citizens will commend them and co-operate with them in this excellent idea.

THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

On Saturday night the Legislative Committee of the Board of Aldermen will also meet. They will participate in the consideration of the park bill, and also give attention to other legislation which is desired for the interests of the city. One of the principal bills is one to amend the law as to street improvements, aiming especially to systematize, simply and make more effective the law providing for the assessment and facilitating the collection of the same from property owners whose property abutts on streets and pavements improved. The Legislative Committee consists of Mayor W. E. Springer and Aldermen W. H. Yopp and Walter P. Gafford.

OBSEQUIES OF MRS. KENLY.

The Services Occurred Yesterday Afternoon—Interment at Oakdale.

The obsequies of the late Mrs. Emma Warfield Kenly, wife of Mr. John R. Kenly, fourth vice president and general manager of the Atlantic Coast Line, took place yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the residence, 207 South Third street.

As a mark of respect the general offices of the Coast Line were closed, and the officers and attaches of the company attended the services. Besides them there was a large attendance of friends and acquaintances. The services were impressively conducted by the Rev. Dr. Wells, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, and the interment was in beautiful Oakdale cemetery. The pallbearers were as follows: Messrs. T. M. Emerson, W. N. Royall, H. B. Short, E. Borden, C. W. Worth and R. E. Smith. The floral tributes were profuse and exceedingly handsome.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church.

"We Have Seen His Star," is the title of a devotional Christmas service consisting of carols, recitations, responses and scripture readings, which will be rendered by the Sunday School to night at 8 P. M. There will be a tree and treat for the children. The church will be brightly lighted by two beautiful chandeliers given by the Young People's Society as a Christmas present to the congregation. Every person welcome to this service.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. J. P. Webster returned last night, having spent Christmas with friends in Tarboro and Washington, N. C.

— Mr. Pat. McGowan, editor of the Harbinger, is here visiting relatives and friends. We were glad to number him among the STAR visitors yesterday.

— THE STAR had a pleasant call yesterday from Captain C. P. Bolles, who is a draftsman in the Navy Department at Washington. He is at home spending the holidays with his family.

— Among the welcome visitors here for the holidays is Allen P. Hallett, Esq., of New York, a former Wilmingtonian, who has a host of friends who are glad to see him. He is doing a successful law practice at 120 Broadway.

SAD OCCASION.

The Remains of Mr. Gordon Grant Laid to Rest in Oakdale Cemetery.

The funeral of the lamented Gordon Grant, who lost his life from injuries received on the Atlantic Coast Line at Dudley last Saturday afternoon, took place yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the residence of Mr. Jeff Smith, on Dock street between Sixth and Seventh street. There was a large attendance of bereaved relatives and sorrowing friends, including large numbers of the grieved young friends of the popular young man. The sad services were conducted by the Rev. A. D. McClure, after which the remains were laid to rest in Oakdale cemetery. The grave was banked with numerous floral tributes. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Chauncey G. Southerland, Tom Shepard, Frank Richard Grant, James Gause and Tom Gause.

BROOKLYN IMPROVEMENTS.

North Fourth Street to be Paved With Vetrified Paving Blocks.

The announcement in yesterday's STAR that North Fifth street was to be macadamized from Red Cross street clear through to Nixon street, stirred up the merchants and people along North Fourth street, in Brooklyn. They thought probably their street would be left out of the improvement scheme. Some of them went to see Mayor Springer, who told them better. The Mayor says North Fourth street from the A. C. L. bridge is to be laid with vitrified paving blocks as far out as Nixon street. The work is to be done this Spring, and the improvement will be a splendid one for Brooklyn.

MONSIEUR BEAUSAIRE.

Creston Clarke to be Seen at the Academy of Music To-morrow Night.

As pure and sweet an atmosphere as ever enveloped a play belongs to "Monsieur Beaucaire," Booth Tarkington's Georgian period romance that had been especially prepared for stage use for Richard Mansfield and is now the sole property of Creston Clarke, who is determed that nothing should be made to suffer in the direction of scenic equipment and cast requirements. Mr. Clarke, whose reputation as a star actor is safely in the keeping of our home theatre patrons, will undoubtedly find an enthusiastic endorsement here to-morrow night at the Academy for the entrancing play in question, and for himself, both of which seem to warrant the most substantial kind of favors.

That Mr. Clarke, the rightful heir to undisputed dramatic fame, has chosen in "Monsieur Beaucaire" a worthy acquisition to the notable successes of his useful stage career, is fully attested by the exceptionally high praise accorded to his appealing work and to the production as a whole, which is said to be picturesquelly surpassing. "Monsieur Beaucaire" possesses all the essential elements of a vigorously refined romantic play, one in which heart interest shares favor with the daring escapade of a person of royal blood. It is certainly a master work of creative ingenuity, and its first presentation by Richard Mansfield greatly enriched stage literature. The seat sale commences at Plummer's this evening.

Going to Atlanta.

Mr. Edward Y. Wooten, a gifted young Wilmingtonian, having completed a two years course with the Westinghouse Electric works, at East Pittsburg, Pa., has been here spending the holidays with his father, the Rev. Edward Wooten. He will, however, leave in a few days for Atlanta where he will be engaged in the Eastern Division of the Westinghouse Company. Before going to East Pittsburg young Mr. Wooten graduated at the Virginia Polytechic Institute. Wilmington boys go right on reflecting credit on their city in every line in which they engage.

— The Sunday School of Brooklyn Baptist church will have its Christmas tree and entertainment to-night.

Is it a nice tie, suspenders, half hose, collars, cuffs or anything else in the gents' furnishing line for Christmas? Our friends tell us they never saw a prettier line of such goods as are now open at our store. Come early to get best selections. This is the place: "At the Sign of the Golden Arm," I. Shrier, northeast corner of Front and Princess.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

APPLICATION

Will be made to the Governor of North Carolina for the pardon of H Hauser, convicted at the 6th November term, 1901, of Superior Court of New Hanover county of house burning, sentenced to term of ten years.
de 28 2t we su H. W. KOING.

Haymaker's Masquerade Ball
At Hibernian Hall,
Wednesday Night, Dec. 28, 1904,
Admission $1.00. Ladies free.
Good order guaranteed. su we dec 25 2t

OUR THANKS

To our many patrons for their favors during the past season are respectfully tendered.
Our business has been larger than our force could possibly handle, and we beg that any shortcoming in service be pardoned.
With a greater stock, increased and improved facilities, you are assured of prompt, correct attention to your orders.
Wedding Presents in a complete assortment.

GEORGE HONNET,
Jeweler and Silversmith,
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Gold Filled and Silver Watches, Diamonds, loose and mounted; Gold Signet Rings and Pins. Umbrellas, Silver and Gold. Sterling Silver Deposit Ware.
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AFTER CHRISTMAS!
When the merchant begins to make room for Spring Goods the balance of Winter stock goes at a sacrifice. This rule holds good at
THE LITTLE? STORE
where you will find a reduction in prices on Dress Goods, Furs, Sweaters, Blankets, Comforters, etc., etc.
Also Balance of Holiday Goods at a Sacrifice.
PLATT & HAAR.
dec 28 tf we su

ANY MAN
whose debts are paid and who has $10.00 in the Bank is a CAPITALIST. Put aside something each week or each month—SOMETHING—if only a dollar.
Deposits made with us on or before January 1st bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum.
No better place in the world to keep your money safe than in
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Lyric Stock Company
Matinee This Afternoon
"The Tie That Binds."
10 and 20 cents.
TO-NIGHT
The Exceedingly Funny Play
"The Lobster,"
10, 20 and 30 cents.
Seats on sale at Plummer's.
de 28 1t

Announcement!
We are now Agents for the Famous Atkins Saw and can furnish you from the smallest Rip and Cut Off to the largest
Circular and Band Saws
from our stock at a moment's notice. With this and our other reliable lines, we are prepared to serve you.
T. D. LOVE COMPANY,
Machinery, Mill, Steamfitters, Yacht and Plumber's Supplies.
204, 206 North Water St.,
de 28 tf Wilmington, N. C.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC
Special Announcement
Thursday Night, December 29th,
JULES MURRY PRESENTS
CRESTON CLARKE
In the Delightful Comedy Romance
"MONSIEUR BEAUCAIRE."
Adapted from Booth Tarkington's widely read and charming novel. Cast of artistic excellence. Production of infinite splendor.
Prices—$1.50, $1.00, 50 and 25 cents.
Seats on sale Tuesday.
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The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 28.

ARBITRATION TREATIES AND BOND COLLECTIONS.

Recently President Roosevelt has set about in the laudable purpose to enter into arbitration treaties with foreign countries. Of course the main purpose of arbitration is to minimize friction that might bring on strained relations and the probability of war. The optimistic view of these treaties is that they will eventually prevent war among civilized nations.

The Baltimore Sun, which always discusses matters of moment with judiciousness and ability, contains one of its usually enlightening editorials on arbitration. The Sun says:

Some curious ideas are current nowadays concerning the best methods of promoting international arbitration. In New York recently, at a meeting in the interest of the arbitration treaties between the United States and European powers, eminent divines and prominent publicists spoke in favor of these agreements which make for the world's peace now and in the future. *All of* them agreed that *peace and tremendous naval and military armaments are not necessarily identical;* that *there is a greater temptation to* commit acts of war when a nation is armed to the teeth than there is when it is not striving feverishly to equip itself with the implements of Mars. Finally, they concurred in the belief that arbitration is a moral and ethical question rather than one of superior physical force. These arguments are logical and comprehensive. They are such as might be expected from advocates of the method of settling international disputes according to the dictates of humanity and reason. The opposing view was presented by the gentleman who was recently elected Lieutenant-Governor of the state of New York. The principle enunciated by him is that mighty armaments constitute the decisive factor for peace—that "the best guarantee of peace is the power of the combined British and American navies." This is in effect, an assertion that international peace is to be maintained by the club of international policemen—that nations will cease shedding blood and committing wholesale butchery, not from humane and enlightened motives, but because they are coerced by other nations whose material interests would not be promoted by war. This is, indeed, a curious argument and a pessemistic one, too, for it assumes that nations, like many individuals, will be "good" only as long as they are constrained to be virtuous by fear of a clubbing.

The government of the United States is on the eve of concluding arbitration treaties with Germany, Great Britain, France, Italy and Russia. Some of these treaties have already been signed by the Secretary of State and the diplomatic representatives in Washington of the European powers which desire to arbitrate future differences with this nation. Americans who are friendly to the movement for international arbitration are exercising their influence in behalf of the ratification of these treaties when submitted to the Senate. Men of all political parties and prelates and ministers of all churches have signified in public meetings and the press their approval of the treaties and their desire that they be ratified. There is opposition, however, which must be reckoned with. Senator Foster, of Louisiana, has warned the Chamber of Commerce of New Orleans, which supports the treaties, that there is danger that the Southern States may be affected adversely by the proposed treaties, particularly in respect to the debts repudiated by them.

The Louisiana Senator apparently fears that foreign owners of repudiated Southern bonds might, in some way not explained by him, make the payment of these bonds the subject of arbitration between their Governments and the Government of the United States. It is difficult to understand how the national Government could concern itself about a matter of this kind. Since Senator Foster has sounded the alarm it might be well for him to set forth in detail the grounds upon which he believes the Federal Government would take action under any of the proposed arbitration treaties. If he could make out a case for his contention, perhaps Mr. Hay would consent to amend the proposed treaties so as to expressly exclude the debts of the Southern States from the subjects to be arbitrated. The following statement by Senator Cullom, of Illinois, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, has some importance in this connection:

"No one wants to enforce the payment of those infernal bonds. Whenever we are about to do anything some Democrat bobs up with an objection, but this objection from the South does not apply to these arbitration treaties. How can we be forced to arbitrate something that our courts have decided we have no law to enforce? The treaties only provide that arbitration may be resorted to in certain cases, but one objection to arbitration would be sufficient to prevent such a course. There is nothing in the objection raised. The decision of the Supreme Court in the North Carolina case does not apply."

Senator Foster's objection applies to all the treaties. In other quarters there is specific and urgent objection to the proposed treaty with Great Britain. While the people of the United States do not desire to enter into a treaty of arbitration with any nation because it has a strong navy and might be useful in the future as an ally, they do not wish to exclude from the scope of arbitration any nation which is willing to make a peace compact with us. There is no argument for an arbitration treaty with Germany, France, Italy or Russia that does not apply with equal force to the proposed treaty with Great Britain. It would be strange, indeed, if the Senate should refuse to ratify an arbitration arrangement with the nation which is the largest buyer of American products and with which we have closer financial and commercial ties than any other nation in the world.

It appears that it is impossible now to discuss these arbitration treaties without lugging into it the point which has been raised that there might be some "cat in the meal tub" clause capable of being construed into power to ultimately collect the principal and interest on bonds repudiated by some Southern States. Senator Cullom seems to manifest some impatience with the "infernal bonds" business, but this bugaboo which has been discovered by somebody somewhere will not prevent Southern Senators from voting to confirm treaties of such momentous concern to civilization. Meanwhile no one can blame Southern Senators from seeing to it that the treaties will furnish no stick with which to crack some Southern State's head. That is all there is to that.

The Southern States may some day take a second thought as to the final payment of a certain class of bonds which they repudiated. Payment of those bonds tainted with fraud in the days of reconstruction despoliation will be resisted, but, as we say, there may be evolved a conscientiousness that will consent to pay bonds from which those States benefitted in the building of railroads at somebody else's expense. However, that is a matter for the future and we do not believe that sentiment has reached that stage yet.

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS COMBINED.

It is announced upon authority of President Roosevelt that George B. Cortelyou, after he re-enters the cabinet, March 4th, is to be continued as chairman of the Republican National Committee.

The executive administration of the Republic and of the Republican party will therefore be nested in the cabinet group. Government and politics will be carried on by the same bunch and certainly it looks like a breech of propriety at least. That is one thing about President Roosevelt's administration that is decidedly in bad taste. The cabinet belongs to the country and not the Republican party.

We fully agree with the Atlanta Constitution, however, when that paper remarks editorially that "this is the era of that kind of thing."

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— If they can all make an arrangement like the world-wide steel-rail, the trusts will not care if they do revise the tariff.—Baltimore Sun.

—— As an exponent of the strenuous life there is danger that the President will be eclipsed by the Boston copper broker.—Springfield Republican.

—— Addicks went to Boston the other day, but did not call on Tom Lawson. He probably decided to buy his own drinks.—Washington Post.

—— There doesn't seem to be as much hurry about the Panama canal as there was about the organization of the Panama republic.—Washington Post.

—— A Georgia negro has been found holding one of his race in peonage. When will New England get up a howl about it?—Memphis Commercial-Appeal.

—— Commissioner Garfield's suggestion that the trusts take out licenses will come as a surprise to a lot of people who have supposed that the trusts have already had license to do anything.—Washington Post.

—— Unlike President Beckwith, Mrs. Chadwick is not worrying about what is back of her. Just now the thing that keeps her guessing is what is ahead of her.—Indianapolis News.

—— The quality of mercy was strained in Texas on Wednesday when Governor Lanham issued twenty-seven pardons as Christmas gifts to convicted felons serving long terms of imprisonment. Among the persons set free were several murderers. It is a stretch of the Executive prerogative to turn the great holiday into a day of jail delivery. It involves a rebuke to the courts and a certain degree of danger to the community.—Philadelphia Record.

—— Judge George Gray, in an interview, resents the involvement of the the honored name of the late Judge Wales in the sensational Bay State Gas stories of the current week. When a man like Judge Gray speaks the public listens, believes, respects. His utterance is timely and all the more impressive because of his tone of wholesale indignation. He would be the last man to attempt to cloak rascality. — Philadelphia Record.

— "I manage to keep my boarders longer than you do," said the first landlady. "Oh, I don't know," rejoined the other. "You keep them so thin that they look longer than than they really are."—Chicago News.

Fight Will Be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall, of Beall, Miss., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once, and four bottles entirely cured her." Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free.

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TWINKLINGS

— "The bicycle, as a fad, had its day. Now, I wonder what will follow the automobile." "The automobile policeman, I suppose."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

— Her Husband: "A man has no idea how mean other people can be until he asks them to do him a favor." His Wife: "Nor how mean he can be until his wife asks him for money."—Boston Globe.

— Ferdy—What's the best time far me to propose to Ida? Algy—Right after Christmas. She will be so used to accepting things she does not want that she may accept you.—Judge.

— Bills: "I wonder what has become of the end-seat hog that we used to see on the Summer trolley cars?" Willis: "Didn't you see him sitting over the electrical radiator of the car we came down town on?"—Philadelphia Telegraph.

— "Say, ma," asked little Willie, after he had been in conjunction with the paternal slipper, "did anybody besides pa ever ask you to be his wife?" "Oh, yes. I had lots of proposals before your father came along." "Well, do you think you gained anything by waiting?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

— A special from Lincolnton says: The wedding that was scheduled to take place at the Episcopal church near Woodside Thursday evening has been indefinitely postponed on account of the absence of the prospective groom. A certain widow lady who lives near town was to have wedded a young man about 20 years her junior. All the preparations had been made, the guests invited for the wedding supper and a large number of invitations issued. Several of our society people had been engaged to assist. One of our lawyers was to act as best man, and a prominent young society lady was to be maid of honor, but when the day arrived the prospective groom had taken himself to parts unknown, and it is rumored, how true we cannot say, that he carried away some of the unsuspecting widow's personal property.

The Grizzly In the Old Days.

In the old days, before the deadly magazine rifle was invented, hunting the grizzly was a very different affair, and no animal on the American continent was more dreaded, his fierceness and vital force when wounded filling the most reckless hunters with a wholesome dread. It was not at all unusual for a grizzly with a bullet through his heart to pursue and tear to pieces the hunter, whose long, single barreled, muzzle loading rifle, with its one round lead bullet, was altogether inadequate for such a contest. It is a strange thing, too, that, while the grizzly bear is an omnivorous feeder, living on anything, from roots and nuts to steer and buffalo meat, he has never been known to devour human flesh.—St. Nicholas.

Quaint Custom In Land Tenure.

At Chingford, in Essex, England, an estate is held by a very curious condition. Whenever it passes into new hands the owner, with his wife, manservant and maidservant, comes on horseback to the parsonage and pays his homage by blowing three blasts upon a horn. He carries a hawk upon his wrist. His servant has a greyhound in a slip, both for the use of the rector for that day. He receives a chicken for the hawk, a peck of oats for his horse and a loaf of bread for his greyhound. After dinner the owner blows three more blasts and then, with his party, withdraws from the rectory.

Sorry He Asked.

An eminent bishop was the speaker at a meeting in the interest of an organization of which a woman is the president and tells of a joke which she perpetrated at his expense a few moments prior to the beginning of the meeting. "I inquired of Mrs. N., with the idea of being facetious, 'How many long winded speakers will there be at this meeting, madam?' 'You are the only one,' she replied charmingly."

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, December 27.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market steady at $2.40 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.30 per barrel for hard, $3.70 for dip.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 55c; rosin firm at $2.10; tar firm at $1.60; crude turpentine firm at $2.25@3.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	17
Rosin	89
Tar	51
Crude turpentine	159

Receipts same day last year—2 casks spirits turpentine, 63 barrels rosin, 88 barrels tar, 156 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market nominal.

Same day last year, market firm at 12 3/16c for middling.

Receipts—473 bales; same day last year, 769.

(Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.)

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 90c; extra prime, 95c; fancy, $1.00, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 80c; extra prime, 85c; fancy, 90c. Spanish, 85@90c.

CORN—Firm; 60@65c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 14@15c per pound; shoulders, 11c; sides, 11c.

EGGS—Dull at 25c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 30@35c; springs, 15@25c.

TURKEYS—Dull at 12½c for live; 16½c for dressed.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26@27c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6¼c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50@60c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2@3c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Money on call was quoted steady at 2¼ per cent.; lowest 2 per cent.; closing bid 2 per cent.; offered 2 per cent.; time loans easy and dull; sixty days 3@3¼ per cent.; ninety days 3@3¼ per cent; six months 3¼@3½ per ct. Prime mercantile paper 4@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange closed firm, with actual business in bankers' bills 487.15@487.20 for demand and at 484.70@484.75 for sixty day bills. Posted rates were 485½ and 488. Commercial bills quoted at 484¼. Bar silver 61½. Mexican dollars 48¼. U. S. refunding 2's, reg'd, 104½; do. coupon, 104½; U. S. 3's, registered, 104½; do. coupon, 104½; U. S. 4's, new, registered, 130¾; U. S. 4's, new, coupon, 131½; U. S. 4's, old, registered, 105¾; do. coupon, 106½; Atlantic Coast Line 4's, 100; Louisville & Nashville, unified 4's, 104; Norfolk & Western consol 4's —; Seaboard Air Line 4's 84½; Southern Railway 5's, 119¾. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio pref'd 95½; Chesapeake & Ohio 47¾; Manhattan L 164¾; New York Central 144¾; Reading 78½; do. 1st pref'd, 90½; do. 2nd pref'd 82½; Southern Railway 34½; do. pref'd 96¾; Amalgamated Copper 66¼; People's Gas 106¾; Tennessee Coal and Iron 71½; U. S. Leather 14¼; U. S. Leather preferred, 101½; Western Union 92; U. S. Steel 28½; do. preferred 92¾; Mexican Central 20½; Virginia Carolina Chemical, 41½; sales — shares; do. preferred, closed 113; sales — shares. Standard Oil 624.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 17¼ bid; do. preferred, 35½ bid; do. bonds, fours, —. Atlantic Coast Line, common, 124@125.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Rosin dull. Spirits turpentine easy at 53@53½c.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 27.—Spirits turpentine and rosin—nothing doing.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 27.—Spirits turpentine firm at 50¼c; receipts 555 casks; sales 158 casks; exports 400 casks. Rosin was firm; receipts 1,762 barrels; sales 1,513 bbls; exports 5,383 bbls. A, B, C, $2 50; D, $2 55; E, $2 60@2 62½; F, $2 62½@2 65; G, $2 70@272½; H, $2 80@2 82½; I, $3 35; K, $4 00; M, $4 30; N, $4 60; W G, $4 75; W W, $5 15.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The bears were aggressive again in to-day's cotton market and after a quiet time at the opening the market ruled fairly active with prices breaking to below 7c. for the near positions and closing at practically the lowest for the day. The opening was steady at an advance of two points to a decline of three points. Better cables than expected imparted steadiness to the early trading, but there was little or no demand and after a quiet first hour during which the bears seemed to be waiting for some support to develop and make a bulge to sell on, pressure became more marked. Later the selling for short account was swollen by liquidation as prices worked down catching stop loss orders and trading which had been restricted early by wire trouble became more active. There seemed to be nothing in the general news to encourage the decline, but the bears contended that the census report to be issued to-morrow would indicate a crop fully as large or larger than that foreshadowed by the government estimates on December 3rd. Shorts of the smaller kind seemed about the only buyers on the decline and the market was finally barely steady at a net loss of 26@34 points with January selling around 6.88.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Cotton—The market was quiet at 7.35c; net receipts 100 bales; gross receipts 1,340 bales; stock — bales.

Spot cotton closed quiet and 25 points lower; middling uplands 7.15c; middling gulf 7.60c; sales 943 bales.

Futures closed barely steady: December 6.85, January 6.88, February 6.93, March 7.05, April 7.10, May 7.18, June 7.25, July 7.29, August 7.32, September 7.38, October 7.38.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 54,797 bales; exports to Great Britain 3,681 bales; exports to France — bales; exports to the Continent 8,525 bales; exports to Japan — bales; exports to Mexico — bales; stock 1,157,687 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 119,964 bales; exports to Great Britain 14,242 bales; exports to France 25,390 bales; exports to Continent 43,300 bales; exports to Japan 2,988 bales; exports to Mexico — bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 5,757,158 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,048,055 bales; exports to France 475,563 bales; exports to the Continent 1,538,893 bales; exports to Japan 52,998 bales; exports to Mexico 13,393 bales.

Dec. 27.—Galveston, quiet at 7 3 16c, net receipts 18,994 bales; Norfolk, nominal; net receipts 700 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 7½, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 7.35c, net receipts — bales; Wilmington, nominal, net receipts 473 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 7.60c, net receipts 47 bales; Savannah, quiet easy at 7 3-16c, net receipts 7,225 bales; New Orleans, steady at 7 1-16, net receipts 24,636 bales; Mobile, nominal, net receipts 2,366 bales; Memphis, dull at 7½c, net receipts 553 bales; Augusta, quiet and steady at 7¼c, net receipts 1,488 bales; Charleston, nominal, net receipts 481 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Flour was dull. Rye flour steady. Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red nominal. Options experienced a strong advance on very cold weather West, closing ¾@3¾c net higher; May closed $1 15¾; July closed $1 03⅝; December closed $1 20⅝. Corn—Spot firm; No. 2 56c at elevator. Options neglected but steady, closing partly ½c net higher: May closed 51⅜; December closed 57c. Oats—Spot quiet; mixed, 26@32 pounds, 35@36c. Cheese quiet; State, small, colored and white, 10@12c. Eggs quiet; nearby, selected 35@36c; Western selected 26c; Southern 15@26c. Potatoes—Market steady; Long Island, in bulk, per 180 lbs, $1 75@2 00; State and Western $1 25@1 50; Jersey sweets $2 00@3 50. Butter firm; creamery, common to extra 17@27c; State dairy 16@25c. Cabbages firm; flat Dutch, per 100, $3 00@3 00. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton, 15@30c. Peanuts steady; fancy handpicked 5¼@5½; other domestic grades 4¼@5¼c. Molasses steady. Sugar—raw quiet; refined steady. Lard easy; refined dull. Pork quiet. Rice firm. Tallow quiet; city ($3 per package) 4½; country (package free) 4½@4¾c. Cotton seed oil was weak with a good trade at the decline: Prime crude, f. o. b. mills 17c; prime summer yellow 33¾@34½c; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 37@37½c; prime winter yellow 37@38¼c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—A cold wave of unusual radius was the chief cause of a strong wheat market to-day. May delivery advanced 2¼ and closed at the highest point reached. Corn is up ½@¾c. Oats and provisions unchanged.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Cash prices: Flour—The market to-day was quoted steady. Wheat—No. 2 spring $1 08@1 16; No. 3 spring 98c@$1 12; No. 2 red $1 14¾@1 16¾. Corn—No. 2 46¾@47c; No. 2 yellow 46¾@47c. Oats—No. 2 29½c; No. 3 white, 31½@31¾; No. 3 do. 30¾@31¾. Rye—No. 2 73c. Mess pork, per bbl., $11 35@11 45. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 77½. Short rib sides, loose, $6 35@6 87½. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, no market report. Short clear sides, boxed, $6 62½@6 75. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 24.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December $1 12¾, 1 13, 1 12¾, 1 13; May $1 13¾@1 13¾, 1 14⅝, 1 12¾, 1 14¾@1 14¾; July 98¾@99, 99¾, 98¾, 99¾@99¾c. Corn—December 46@49¾, 46¾, 46, 46½c; May 45⅝@45¾, 45¾, 45⅝, 45⅝@45¾c; July 46, 46¾@46¾, 46⅝@46, 46c. Oats—December 29½, 29¾, 29¾, 29¾@29½c; May 31½, 31⅝@31¾, 31⅛, 31⅝; July 31⅝, 31¾, 31⅝, 31⅝. Mess pork, per bbl—January $12 62½, 12 62½, 12 67½, 12 67½; May $12 95, 12 95, 13 07½, 13 07½. Lard, per 100 lbs—January $6 87½, 6 90, 6 87½, 6 87½; May $7 15, 7 17, 7 12½, 7 15. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $6 47½, 6 50, 6 45, 6 47½; May $6 77½, 6 77½, 6 73½, 6 75.

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Coffee—Spot Rio steady. Options steady and 5@10 points higher.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, December 27.—Cotton: Spot quiet, with prices two points higher; American middling fair 4.40d; good middling 4.16d; middling 4.06d; low middling 3.94d; good ordinary 3.80d; ordinary 3.64d. The sales of the day were 5,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 4,700 bales American. Receipts 9,000 bales, including 1,900 bales American.

Futures opened quiet and closed barely steady; American middling (g o c): December 3.91d; December and January 3.91d; January and February 3.93d; February and March 3.93d; March and April 4.02d; April and May 4.06d; May and June 4.06d; June and July 4.11d; July and August 4.13d; August and September 4.13d; September and October 4.13d; October and November 4.13d.

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BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—80 bales cotton, 32 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—35 bales cotton, 3 barrels tar, 4 barrels crude turpentine.

W. C. & A. Railroad—198 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine, 18 barrels rosin, 18 barrels tar, 119 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—11 casks spirits turpentine, 71 barrels rosin, 30 barrels tar.

W. & N. Railroad—169 bales cotton, 4 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—479 bales cotton, 17 casks spirits turpentine, 89 barrels rosin, 51 barrels tar, 159 barrels crude turpentine.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 28.

STEAMERS.

Hanseat, (Nor) 2,177 tons, Hamre, Heide & Co.

Juanita North, (Br) 2,233 tons, Fox, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Greatham, (Br) 1,581 tons, Gowing, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

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Mabel Darling, 112 tons, Saunders, to master.

Anne Lord, 246 tons, Russell, C D Maffitt.

Eliza J Pendleton, 672 tons, Dodge, C D Maffitt.

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Yes, and a portion of the Oranges are at the Ladies' Store. Price just right.

3 Lb. London L. Raisins 25c.
Seeded Raisins 10c package.
Currants 9c package.
Big Cocoanuts.
Fresh Tomatoes

Carpenter Grocery.

dec 24 tf

QUAIL ON TOAST.

THE ONLY RESTAURANT,

de 8 tf 108 Market street

Everything —FOR— Christmas.

Full line of Candies, Nuts and Fruit for the Holiday trade. Get our prices before buying elsewhere. Full weight and quick delivery.

Our line of Fireworks was never more complete. Would be pleased to quote prices to the trade.

JNO. W. PLUMMER, JR.
'Phone 680. 304 Princess St.
dec 18 tf

Did You Ever Drop In The Delmonico Cafe?

Opposite Postoffice. The coolest dining room in the city of Wilmington, N. C. Prompt service, cleanliness and attendance.

Steaks, Chops, Quail, Oysters.

Tables Reserved for the Ladies.

Our daily Menu is unsurpassed. Regular Dinners served from 12 to 2. 'Phone 807.
dec 11 tf

TAILORING.

Don't fail to see Leger Meyer before buying clothes to order. The cheapest and best for the money. Largest line of pants goods in the city to select from.

422 North Front street.
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ATLANTIC CAFE

XMAS PRICES

For this week only we quote as specials:

Superior California Port or Sherry Wine, per gallon $1.00; Vallejo & Tait's Imported Port per gallon $2.00; Loreto & Co.'s Spanish Sherry per gallon $2.15; Our Country Club Rye per gallon $2.45; Old Nectar Rye, Kentucky Sour Mash, per gallon $2 25; Original Paul Jones Rye, 4 Star, per bottle 50c; Walzen Baker's Rye per quart $1.00.

Montecello Virginia Claret, California Rhine Wine, Port or Sherry, } **Three Bottles for $1.00.**

We have about 30 000 Cigars of popular brands, which we will sell at close prices.

'Phone 111. **GIESCHEN BROS., Prop.,** Opposite A. C. L. Depot
dec 20 1w

To Our Customers

We take this occasion to thank each and every one of our customers for their most liberal patronage during the year 1904. A continuance of same during the year 1905 will be much appreciated. Wishing you all a merry Xmas and most prosperous 1905.

We are

D. L. GORE CO.,

Wholesale Grocers and Importers,

dec 25 tf Wilmington, N. C.

Christmas Books

Fancy Goods, Novelties and Toys. Pictures, Calendars, Cards.

Beautiful line Holiday Goods to be sold this week at

C. W. Yates & Co.,

tf Market Street.

Christmas Suggestions

Over-Gaters,
Lambs Wool Soles,
Crochet Slippers,
Hunting Leggins,
Riding Leggins,
Little Boys Leggins,
Rubbers,
Babie's First Shoes,
Men's House Slippers,
Shoe Trees,
Silk Hosiery.

Solomon's Shoe Store.

9 and 11 So. Front St.
dec 18 tf

Have You THESE SYMPTOMS?

There's Danger Ahead

If you have sharpe pains across the small of the back, if there is any irregularity in the urine, if it is scanty or profuse, or difficult to retain, then your kidneys are out of order and should be given prompt attention. There is no disease so surely fatal if neglected. Diseases of the bladder, such as inflammation, gravel or stone in the bladder, diabetes, and finally uremic poisoning, usually begin in a very slight way at first, often causing no particular inconvenience.

Stuart's Gin and Buchu is a reliable remedy for any form of kidney and bladder diseases. It has been given the severest tests for thirty years, and has never failed to relieve the worst case and stay the fatal progress of the disease. If you have the slightest smyptom of this disease, you should lose no time in beginning the use of this remedy. One bottle will convince you of the great benefit it will render. Stuart's Juniper and Buchu Tablets is the same remedy in tablet form for those who prefer it in that shape.

amples Free to All.

You are invited to send your name and address at once for a free trial sample of this great remedy, together with testimonials and full information. Full size bottles $1 at all drug stores. Address Stuart Drug Co., 65 Wall street, Atlanta Ga.
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REMEMBER!

In addition to manufacturing Stills for Turpentine and Spiritine Plants, we do all kinds of repair work and Brazing in Copper. Also we do Plating in

Nickle, Brass, Silver AND GOLD,

Repairing work of every kind in Metal solicited.

We buy all of your discarded Silver Plated ware. Also old Brass Candlesticks, Brass Andirons and all kinds of old metal.

Carolina Copper Works.

dec 15 tf

Mules For Sale!

2 Medium Size Mules.

1 Medium Size Horse.

Cash or Time, as Agreed.

W. B. COOPER,

dec 24 tf Wilmington, N. C.

ARE YOU

Keeping in Stock

Cuban Blossom

AND RENOWN CIGARS?

They are as good as ever.

Silver Coin Flour Can't be beat.

H. L. Vollers,

Wholesale Grocer and Distributor.
dec 18 tf

Suggestions for Xmas.

A Dinner Set
A Toilet Set.
A Chocolate Set.
A Fish Set.
A Lamp.
An Umbrella Stand.
A Jardineer.
A Fancy Vase.
A Piece of Cut Glass.

Silver Knives, Forks, Spoons, Ladles, etc., and many other goods on display.

F. A. BISSINGER,

de 4 tf 119 Market street.

HOME GROWN HAY

Compressed bales. Raised in Pender county. Three car loads for sale.

Best Lime, Anchor Brand

We are offering low, being overstocked.

Small Cream Cheese.

Coffee, Flour, Salt, Molasses, Salmon, Sardines.

FINE TOMATOES.

Only best quality of goods handled. Living prices.

THE WORTH CO.,

Wilmington, N. C.
dec 21tf

HALL'S EMULSION

HAS NOT SAVED 10,000 Lives

But it has cured many Coughs and Colds. It is Guaranteed to do good.

50c Per Bottle.

'Phone Us—Comp. Bicycle Delivery.

JAS. M. HALL & BRO.,

5th and Castle. 'Phone No. 192.
dec 18 tf

A Delightful Pleasure.

Nothing pleases a man more than a good, clean shave. We give the cleanest shave obtainable, not only in point of keen razors, but as to real cleanliness. We use a clean towel for each man and everything else is thoroughly antiseptic.

QUION & DAVIS, Ohmax Razor Shop, 7 South Front street.
feb18 tf

CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

What is CASTORIA

Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is Pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. It cures Diarrhœa and Wind Colic. It relieves Teething Troubles, cures Constipation and Flatulency. It assimilates the Food, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

GENUINE CASTORIA ALWAYS

Bears the Signature of

Chas. H. Fletcher.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

In Use For Over 30 Years.

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, 77 MURRAY STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

We Have An Excellent No. 2 Chestnut ANTHRACITE COAL

Suitable for small coal burners and self-feeding Stoves, that we are selling at $5.50 per ton.

No. 1 Chestnut, Anthracite - -	$6.50 per ton
Jellico Coal, best - - - - - - -	5.50 " "
Virginia Bituminous Lump - - -	5.00 " "

We respectfully solicit your orders.

Wm. E. Worth & Co.

nov 4 tf

Sporting Goods.

We now have a full stock of Breech-loading Guns of several standard manufactures. Loaded Shells of all kinds, Gun Cases, Leggings, Shooting Coats, Hats; in fact a full assortment of season goods in the above line. We can make attractive prices.

We are Agents for Hazard Powder and Tashan's Shot.

WM. E. SPRINGER & CO.,

n 27 tf Purcell Building.

NEW HATS

Four hundred and fifty new ready to wear Hats just arrived. Also a big lot Cloaks, Waists, Skirts and Petticoats. Our line is now complete and everything is up to date in style and prices. Our stock is much larger than before, and am sure we can make it to your advantage if you call on us before buying.

PARIS MILLINERY EMPORIUM,

oc 14 tf 129 Market Street, Wilmington, N. C.

THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK,

of Wilmington, N. C.

anized March, 1899.

Capital and Surplus	$ 450,000
Deposits	1,880,000
Total Assets	2,570,000

Our large capital and assets enable us to offer customers exceptional curity and facilities.

$500,000 to lend on approved paper.

H. C. McQUEEN, President,

J. V. GRAINGER, Cashier.

oc 13 tf

ROGER MOORE'S SONS & CO.,

103, 104 and 105 North Water street.

"Brick Manufacturers"

and dealers in

"Building Material."

We have some "Flintkote" Roofing Paper that we will sell cheap.

dec 7 tf

Useful and Practical!

In selecting gifts for your family be practical. After Xmas we still need shoes A handsome shoe for your wife or daughter, good warm shoes for your children, slippers or shoes for your husband or son will give just as much pleasure to the recipient as some "fancy thing" and be a joy or comfort after the day is past. Try it and your wisdom will be commended. You can find every thing nice at our store.

GEO. R. FRENCH & SONS,

108 North Front Street.

OPEN AT NIGHT THIS WEEK. dec 21 tf

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Durham Sun: A baby born on Christmas is appropriately styled a holler-day gift.

— Wake Forest College is well represented in the General Assembly. This year there will be seven Wake Forest alumni in the Senate and eleven in the House of Representatives.

— It is said by the superintendent of the mines at Walnut Cove that the supply of coal found there is in unlimited quantities, and that it is equal to the finest Pennsylvania anthracite.

— A public automobile is now employed on the streets of Wilson. It is the property of the Auto-Transit Co., recently chartered. The charges are for adults 10 cents; children, 5 cents.

— Solicitor Hamner has asked Sheriff Julian, of Rowan county, for the names of all persons engaged in raffling, including church rallies. It is the solicitor's intention to indict them.

— Governor Aycock left Raleigh on Sunday afternoon for Lafayette, La., to address the Louisiana Teachers' Association on the 28th. Thence he hurries to Jacksonville, Fla., where on the 31st he delivers an important address before the Southern Educational Association.

— At Raleigh arrangements are being made for the big poultry show in the State agricultural building. It will be held on the first floor of the north wing of the building, in the same rooms which were occupied last year by the Masonic fair in aid of the Masonic temple.

— Richard Traytor, a young machinest at Goldsboro, was seriously injured by the explosion of a giant fire-cracker, at 9 o'clock Monday morning, in front of Kent Hotel, on Main street. In the presence of a large crowd he attempted to relight the fuse. His face was badly larcerated by the explosion.

— The corner-stone of the Aycock building, which is the new agricultural building at the A. & M. College, Raleigh, will be laid January 10th, at 3:30 P. M., under a special communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons now being called to do this work. Governor Aycock will deliver the address and Prof. Henry Jerome Stockard will read an original poem.

— The Elks of Concord gave a dinner and Christmas treat to the children Monday afternoon. Cards were issued to several hundred children in the city, each being given seasonable things, such as go to making little hearts glad. The Elks spared no pains nor money in the greetings to the children of the city and made friends by the feature for the first time undertaken by Concord Elks.

— Charlotte Chronicle: In an interesting report on "Cotton Goods in China," Consul Anderson, who is stationed at Hangchau, says that the field for the American cotton trade in that country is unlimited, but from what he says, the Chinese go in for cheapness. According to his statement, the reason for other foreign goods, especially Japanese manufacturers, appreciate the need of a cheap grade of goods for this field and have met the demand. There is no reason why these goods should not come from the United States direct if a similar grade of goods for a similar price is put out. Dyed goods, he says, are generally more common there than print goods, although the latter are coming into fashion at the present time. Blues seem to be the most popular shade. Yellows and some shades of purple are of special significance and should be avoided. The American bale is a satisfactory package for shipment to that part of China. It is doubtful if American cotton trade there can be increased by correspondence. The field deserves a number of good men who will push American interests, and push them long and persistently. Above all, cheap grades of goods must be made for this market.

— The Yorkville, S. C., Enquirer says: Catawba river was frozen over last Tuesday for the first time since 1892; but it does not require anything like as much cold to freeze the river now as formerly—at least not in the portion affected by back water from the dam of the Catawba Power Company. This information comes from Mr. G. L. Suggs, who lives near Wright's ferry. He was in Yorkville on Wednesday and talked interestingly about the river, with which he has been acquainted nearly all of his life. "It used to be," said Mr. Suggs, "that the river froze ever only in intensely cold weather, and it would take a spell of about a week to do the work. That was the situation in February 1892. Ice formed to a thickness of about 2 1-2 inches and then came a fall of snow. People were able to walk across on the ice and a great many did so; but your humble servant was not among the number. The building of the dam has changed conditions very considerably. We have not had a practical demonstration until this year; but the weather has not been anything like as cold as in 1902. With such weather as we had in 1902, I think the river would now be frozen to a thickness of 5 or 6 inches instead of only 2 1-2 inches as then. It would be thick enough to allow the driving of loaded wagons across in safety."

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness or stomach upsets. Electric bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly, and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

The One Resolution for 1905

is to know and choose the best—then, when it comes to the choice of confections, you will not hesitate a moment in selecting

NABISCO SUGAR WAFERS

Upon them correct form has set the crown of approval, certifying to their goodness by unreserved acceptance for banquet, luncheon, tea—for any occasion where exquisite dessert confections are desired.

NABISCO Sugar Wafers are made in the following flavors—vanilla, chocolate, lemon, orange and mint.

FESTINO—Another confection to please the eye and charm the palate—an airy texture of shell shaped like an almond and concealing a kernel of delicately flavored cream.

NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY

— Raleigh Correspondence in Special to Charlotte Observer: Some of the present street car stockholders here obtained from the Legislature of 1901 a charter for an electric railway between Raleigh and Durham, provided the two places granted franchises for street railways. This charter is for 60 years. This makes the situation interesting, in view of the apparent fighting by the Raleigh company against granting of a franchise to Durham and Raleigh people for such a line.

DISCRIMINATING LADIES.

Enjoy Using Herpicide on Account of Its Distinctiveness.

The ladies who have used Newbro's Herpicide speak of it in the highest terms, for its quick effect in cleansing the scalp of dandruff and also for its excellence as a general hair-dressing. It makes the scalp feel fresh and it allays that itching which dandruff will cause. Newbro's Herpicide effectively cures dandruff, as it destroys the germ that causes it. The same germ causes hair to fall out, and later baldness; in killing it, Herpicide stops falling hair and prevents baldness. It is also an ideal hair dressing, for it lends an aristocratic charm to the hair that is quite distinctive. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c. in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

HARDIN'S PHARMACY, Special Agent.

REPORT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE ATLANTIC National Bank, at Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business, November 10th, 1904.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$ 916,988 68
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	400 45
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	125,000 00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. deposits	104,800 00
Bonds, securities, etc	30,850 00
Banking houses, furniture, and fixtures	20,000 00
Other real estate owned	10,000 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents	135,236 07
Due from State Banks and Bankers	130,062 68
Due from approved reserve agents	71,637 95
Notes of other National Banks	9,460 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	634 09
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Specie	$35,396 00
Legal tender notes	39,694 00 75,090 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	2,941 50
Total	$1,649,192 92

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$ 125,000 00
Surplus fund	125,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	73,866 70
National Bank notes outstanding	122,000 00
Due to other National Banks	186,498 91
Due to state Banks and Bankers	190,050 88
Dividends unpaid	529 00
Individual deposits subject to check	764,406 49
Certified checks	500 00
Cashier's checks outstanding	12,350 04
United States Deposits	104,800 00
Total	$1,649,192 92

State of North Carolina, county of New Hanover, ss.:

I, J. W. Yates, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. W. YATES, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of November, 1904.

W. C. ARMSTRONG, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:
C. W. YATES,
D. MCEACHERN,
JNO. S. ARMSTRONG, } Directors.

nov 16 tf

NEW GROCERY STORE

14 MARKET STREET,

Between Front and Water.

Fresh Fruits of all kinds

Oranges, Bananas, Malaga Grapes, Raisins and Mixed Nuts.

Turkeys, Chickens and Eggs just from the country.

Fox River Butter. North Carolina Hams. Give me a trial.

J. HARGROVE TAYLOR.

Telephone 1052. de 16 tf

State of North Carolina,
County of New Hanover.

H. L. Voliers whoisues in behalf of himself and all other creditors of the Cape Fear & People's Steamboat Company,

vs.

Cape Fear & People's Steamboat Company.

By direction of a decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover County made in the above entitled cause, notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Cape Fear & People's Steamboat Company to present and make due proof of their claims before the undersigned on or before January 3, 1905, or they will be barred and precluded from participating in the distribution of the assets of the above named company.

D. MCEACHERN, Receiver.

December 1, 1904. de 4 30d

CHRISTMAS.

A Man's Christmas

Hard work buying Christmas presents for most men—isn't it?

Why not give him something he will appreciate—a Suit or Overcoat, for instance?

Either would make an admirable gift—nothing more acceptable.

Bring us the size or an old garment, and we'll help you select something suitable.

We'll exchange it with pleasure, or refund the money, if he's not satisfied.

Haberdashery.

If you prefer a House Coat, pair of Gloves, Tie, Muffler or something elegant in the Furnishing Line, please remember that you are sure to find the smartest and handsomest styles here.

We invite ladies looking for a gift for a Man's Christmas to come here.

The A. David Co.,

Clothiers and Haberdashers.

dec 11 tf

The C. W. Polvogt Co.

NO. 9 NORTH FRONT ST.

THE CHRISTMAS STORE.

TIMELY HINTS FOR CHRISTMAS TIDE.

Your Christmas Shopping: 'Twere well 'twere done quickly.

Not only because you will then have time to think of everybody you want to remember, and will not be likely to forget some particular friend in the rush at the end, But because you can get exactly what you want, in the uncrowded hour, before the hurry begins; satisfy yourself, as well as the giver; and, as a rule, save money by not having desperate recourse, at last, to more expensive and less appropriate gifts.

The moral—of yearly repetition—is: Begin your Christmas buying early.

And "Polvogt's" is the Christmas store.

We have the largest assortment of Dolls in the City—Full assortment of Toilet sets, Shaving Sets, &c. &c.

THE C. W. POLVOGT CO.

dec 10 tf

THE LIGHT OF THE NEW YEAR

at the end of one of VANN'S special 5c. hand-made Havana filled cigars is a guarantee of a long, sweet, happy smoke, and if you resolve to smoke these only hereafter, 1905 will be the red letter year of your life. dec 27 tf

Apples, Bananas, Oranges, Lemons

Cabbage, Potatoes, Onions, Dried Apples, Beans. Our Specialties.

J. S. FUNCHESS & CO.,

Wholesale Fruit and Produce,

dec 25 tf 108 North Water street, Wilmington, N. C.

REPORT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE ATLANTIC Trust and Banking Co., at Wilmington in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business November 10th, 1904.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$447,768 63
Furniture and Fixtures	100 00
Demand Loans	33,250 0
Due from Banks and Bankers	17,904 78
Cash items	6,261 83
Gold coin	50 00
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency	124 33
National bank notes and other U. S. notes	729 00
Total	$606,188 17

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$50,000 00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	15,265 73
Deposits subject to check	495,328 44
Demand certificates of deposit	35,005 00
Cashier's checks outstanding	541 00
Accrued interest due depositors	3,000 00
Total	$606,138 17

State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, ss:

I Milton Calder, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

MILTON CALDER, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 19th day of November, 1904.

E. M. BOATWRIGHT, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:
L. B. ROGERS,
M. O'BRIEN,
C. W. YATES. } Directors.

nov 22 tf

SPECIAL EXCURSION TO HAVANA CUBA.

Do not miss this opportunity to visit this beautiful and attractive island, as it will afford not only opportunity for you to make a delightful trip but to the manufacturers of the South, will offer the additional opportunity to investigate the possibilities of Cuba with the view of developing their business in that country.

A personally conducted, special excursion to Havana, Cuba, January 4th, 1905, from Washington, D. C., Richmond and Norfolk, Va., and intermediate points in the States of Virginia, North and South Carolina, will connect with the Peninsular and Occidental Steamship Company's steamer leaving Port Tampa, Fla., on the night of January 5th, 1905.

The party will be limited to 150 persons, therefore reservations should be made promptly, in order to secure proper accommodations on the steamship "Olivette," the most commodious ship of the Peninsular and Occidental Steamship Company, which will convey the party to Havana.

Tickets will be limited for return passage on any steamer leaving Havana until January 19, 1905, with privilege of stop overs at any point in the State of Florida, south of Jacksonville, within the final limit of ticket, which will be January 21st, 1905.

The rate, $44.70 from Wilmington, N. C., for the round trip, includes meals and staterooms on the steamship.

Mr. A. W. Fritot will meet the party in Jacksonville and accompany them to Havana. Mr. Fritot speaks Spanish fluently and will place himself at the disposal of the party, furnishing any information desired.

Trains for which tickets for this excursion will be sold will leave Wilmington, N. C., 3:30 P. M., Jan. 4th, 1905.

Make up your party and go and should you desire any other information, books, pamphlets, etc., on Cuba, or "What to say in Spanish and how to say it," address

H. M. Emerson, Traffic Manager, Wilmington, N. C.

W. J. Craig, Gen'l Pass. Agent.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY RATES, 1904-5.

Atlantic Coast Line

Announce rate of

One and One-third First Class Fares For Round Trip.

(Minimum rate 50 cents.)

Tickets will be placed on sale December 23rd, 24th, 25th, 31st, and January 1st, 1905.

Final limit returning to January 4th, 1905.

To teachers and students of colleges: on presentation and surrender of certificates signed by Superintendents, Presidents or Principals, tickets may be sold at the above rate, December 17th to 24th inclusive, with final limit returning to January 8th, 1905.

For full information call on ticket agents or address

W. J. CRAIG, G. P. A.
H. M. EMERSON, Traffic Manager,
dec 16 t 11 Jan 1 Wilmington, N. C.

Our Own! Our Own!!

Pyxis Croup Remedy and Pyxis Toilet Cream

are absolutely essential these bleak cold days. Manufactured by

BULLUCK & COWAN

Druggists.

"We want your business."

313 North Front St.

Phone 150. de 17 tf

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Dec. 1, 1904.

NORTHBOUND.

	No 48	No 42
Lv Wilmington	9 15 a m	6 50 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 08 p m	9 32 p m
Ar Wilson	1 16 p m	10 25 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11 10 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	
Ar Weldon	4 58 p m	1 47 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 55 p m	3 23 a m
Ar Richmond	7 45 p m	4 07 a m
Ar Washington	11 50 p m	7 54 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 43 a m	9 09 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 25 a m	11 32 a m
Ar New York	7 30 a m	2 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 49
Lv New York	9 25 a m	9 25 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 55 a m	12 01 a m
Ar Baltimore	2 07 p m	2 32 a m
Ar Washington	3 21 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Norfolk		9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	8 38 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 05 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Weldon	9 51 p m	11 50 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 51 p m	1 05 p m
Ar Wilson	11 38 p m	2 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	6 48 a m	3 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND

	*Daily.	Daily.	Daily
Lv Wilmington	6 00 a m	8 30 p m	5 50 p m
Ar Florence	9 35 a m	7 30 p m	3 55 a m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 35 p m	6 45 a m
Ar Savannah	8 45 p m	2 50 a m	9 05 a m
Ar Jacksonville		6 40 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Tampa		7 30 p m	10 35 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	* Daily.	Daily
Lv Tampa	8 40 p m	9 00 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 55 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Savannah	1 10 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	5 14 p m	5 55 a m
Ar Florence	7 59 p m	9 35 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 55 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD

	West Bound *Daily	East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 10 a m	Ar 5 40 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 20 p m	Ar 1 55 p m
Ar Sanford	1 55 p m	Lv 1 40 p m

*Except Sunday.

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday	South Bound
Lv Wilmington	2 25 p m	Ar 12 30 p m
Ar Newbern	5 40 p m	Lv 9 00 a m

Trains Nos. 42 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Penna R. R. for all points east

W. J. CRAIG, Gen'l Passenger Agent.

H. M. Emerson, Traffic Manager.
dec 3 tf

Seaboard Air Line Railway.

Direct line to principal cities North, West and South.

EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 27TH.

Between Wilmington and New York.

NORTHBOUND.	No. 66.	No. 34
Leave Wilmington	4 35 a m	3 00 p m
Leave Hamlet	8 50 a m	10 10 p m
" Southern Pines	9 45 a m	11 20 p m
" Raleigh	11 46 a m	1 30 a m
" Norlina	1 35 p m	3 27 a m
Arrive Portsmouth	5 30 p m	8 30 a m
Leave Richmond	4 55 p m	6 35 a m
" Washington	8 36 p m	10 10 a m
" Baltimore	11 25 p m	11 30 a m
" Philadelphia	2 35 a m	1 45 p m
Arrive New York	6 30 a m	4 15 p m

SOUTHBOUND.	No. 31	No. 35
Leave New York	12 25 p m	9 25 p m
" Philadelphia	2 55 p m	12 12 a m
" Baltimore	5 10 p m	2 37 a m
" Washington	6 25 p m	4 30 a m
" Richmond	10 00 p m	9 10 a m
Leave Portsmouth	9 00 p m	9 25 a m
Leave Norlina	1 35 a m	1 40 p m
" Raleigh	3 35 a m	4 00 p m
" Southern Pines	5 53 a m	6 16 p m
" Hamlet	8 40 a m	7 30 p m
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m	11 50 p m

Between Wilmington and Atlanta.

SOUTHBOUND.		No. 41
Leave Wilmington		3 00 p m
Leave Hamlet		10 15 p m
" Athens		6 45 a m
Arrive Atlanta		8 40 a m
NORTHBOUND	No. 38	
Leave Atlanta	9 00 p m	
" Athens	11 23 p m	
" Hamlet	8 40 a m	
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m	

Between Wilmington and Tampa

SOUTHBOUND	No. 66
Leave Tampa	8 50 a m
" Jacksonville	7 50 p m
" Savannah	12 10 a m
" Columbia	8 30 a m
" Hamlet	8 40 a m
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m

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Suburban Schedule,

In Effect December 10, 1904.

Leave Wilmington.	Leave Wrightsville.	Leave W. Beach.
†7.00 A. M.	8.15	
10.00 A. M.		12.30 P. M.
3.00 P. M.		5.00 P. M.
*6.10 P. M.	7.30 P. M.	
*10.00 P. M. (Sat'day)	10.20 P. M. (Sat'day only	

*Will go to Beach on request.
†Daily except Sunday.

FREIGHT.

(Daily except Sunday)

†3.00 P. M.	5 00 P. M.

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(Daily except Sunday)

Leave Front and Princess Sts	Leave Grounds
†2:30 P. M.	5:30 P. M.

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WILMINGTON, N. C

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 28.

STANDARD OIL CO.'S PLANS.

The Proposed Federal Law for the Supervision of Trusts First Advocated by One of That Company's Officials.

[*Washington Post.*]

It turns out that Commissioner Jas. R. Garfield's plan for Federal control of great interstate corporations is not only not new, but that the idea is directly in line with a proposition first made by the Standard Oil Company. This interesting and somewhat humorous development in the agitation for the control of trusts has attracted much attention here, and has caused some statesmen to pause and think.

Before the industrial commission appointed by President McKinley, John B. Archbold, of the Standard Oil Company, on September 8, 1899, made this remarkable statement:

"If you should ask me, gentlemen, what legislation can be imposed to improve the present condition, I answer that the next great and, to my mind, inevitable step of progress in the direction of our commercial development lies in the direction of national or Federal corporations. If such corporations should be made possible under such fair restriction and revision as should rightfully be attached to them, any branch of business could be freely entered upon by all comers, and the talk of monopoly would *forever* be done away with. *Our present system of State corporations*, almost as varied in their provisions as the number of States, is vexatious alike to the business community and to the authorities of the various States. Such Federal action need not take away from these States their right to taxation or police regulation, but would make it possible for business organizations to know the general terms on which they could conduct their business in the country at large. Lack of uniformity in the laws of various States as affecting business corporations is one of the most vexatious features attending the business life of any great corporation to-day, and I suggest for your most careful consideration the thought of a Federal law."

Proposition Almost Identical.

Mr. Archbold's remedy for the situation which has since developed, as pointed out in the President's message, is almost identical with the propositions made by Commissioner Garfield in his first annual report. The representative of the Standard Oil Company, while advocating Federal charters, objected to what he called restrictive legislation. On this subject he said to the commission:

"The outcry, gentlemen, against corporations does not come from the great, busy, industrial classes, but from impractical sentimentalists, yellow journals and political demogogues; from the latter, perhaps, more than any other. It is a veritable attack upon thrift and prosperity. To listen to their voices to the extent of imposing restrictive legislation legislation would mean a frightful step backward in the commercial development of our country."

WOMAN COMMITTED SUICIDE.

Plunged to Her Death from a Third-Story Window in New York City Monday Night—No Cause Assigned.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LANCASTER, PA., Dec. 27.—The young woman calling herself Cecil Hall, who was killed by plunging from the third-story window of a house in West 46th street, New York city, last night, has been identified as Cecilia Moss, aged 23 years, of this city. Her mother, Mrs. Thomas Moss, to-day received the following telegram:

"Sorry to tell you your daughter has committed suicide. What shall I do with body?"

The telegram was signed "Mrs. Webb, New York." Mrs. Moss telegraphed back that the body should be sent to this city.

Her mother is unable to give much information as to the girl's recent career. About a year ago the girl went to Washington, D. C. Later she wrote to her mother that on Sept. 6th she had married Clifton Frazer, of that city, who she said was a clerk in the employ of the government. Some weeks ago she wrote that she and her husband would spend Christmas here with Mrs. Moss, but a letter received a few days since announced she would go to New York. The girl also stated that to conceal his identity Frazer had adopted the name of I. J. Hall.

LONDON FOG CONDITIONS.

Heavy Losses on Produce Intended for the Christmas Market.

By Cable to the Morning Star

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Conditions prevailing among the shipping in the Thames for nearly a week were considerably improved to-day. Much of the produce intended for the London Christmas market was unloaded. The loss, however, through its late arrival aggregates several hundred thousands of pounds sterling. The American meat, Russian poultry and shipments of fish deteriorated in value about $1,400,000. Shippers offered extravagant sums to have boats brought to the docks here from Gravesend in time for the best markets, but the pilots refused to take the risks in such a dense fog. Several collisions of a more or less serious nature have occurred.

STEAMER ASHORE.

Atlas Liner Valencia Likely to be a Total Wreck on the Coast of Hayti.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KINGSTOWN, JAMAICA, Dec. 27.—The German third class cruiser Bremen, which returned here yesterday from Port au Prince, Hayti, reports that the Atlas line steamer Valencia from New York December 15, for Inagua, Cape Haytien, etc., is ashore in a bad position at that place and that she is likely to be a total wreck. The vessel is lying on her side in the mud and her decks are being washed by the sea. It is likely that the wrecking steamer Premier will go to the Valencia's assistance.

A Frightened Horse,

Running like mad down the street, dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable salve handy, and there is none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles disappear quickly under its soothing effect. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

NEW YORK HARBOR IN BLANKET OF FOG.

Shipping Business Almost Entirely Suspended and Numerous Collisions Reported.

A PANIC ON FERRY BOATS.

Considerable Damage Done, But No One Injured—British Steamer Ashore on the Bar at Fire Island—News of Storm Along the Coast.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—So dense was the blanket of fog which hung over the harbor all day that business at the government quarantine station was almost entirely suspended. Not a single steamer arrived and the officials put in the day waiting for the fog to lift. A little puff of wind from the west this afternoon tore a hole in the fog bank, revealing four steamers which had come in during the night and found an anchorage off the station. A tug with health officers on board immediately put out and after a time located the steamers and gave them permission to communicate with the shore. They were the steamers Roman and Sailor Prince, of the Prince Line, the fruiter Avalon and the tank steamer Weehawken.

Several steamers were due from foreign ports to-day and it is supposed that they are lying off Sandy Hook waiting for the fog to lift before attempting to come into the harbor.

During the fog the ferry boats Bergen and Musconetcong, of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Line, crashed into each other near the Hoboken ferry slips and for a few minutes there was a wild panic on both boats. The Bergen had left the New York side and was approaching the New Jersey side under reduced speed when the Musconetcong, putting out at full speed, crashed into her.

The Bergen lifted the Musconetcong high out of the water. The engines were reversed almost immediately on the Musconetcong, but the headway was such that the impact tore away about twenty-five feet of the cabin timbers on the men's side of the Bergen. As the two ferry boats came together there was a wild rush on the part of the men on the Bergen into the cabin. The shock was such that it threw twenty or more of the men off their feet.

In the woman's cabin the panic was greater, as the passengers there had received no warning of the impending crash. When the boats drifted apart the Bergen, uninjured in her hull, proceeded on her way to her slip.

There were fewer passengers on the Musconetcong and the crew had less difficulty in reassuring them. The Musconetcong suffered but little damage.

The ferry boat Chicago, of the Pennsylvania line, loaded down with commuters, was run into by the New Haven railroad's big steam transport Maryland in the North river, just off the Cortland street slip of the Pennsylvania ferry. The big transport crashed into the rear of the ferry boat and tore away a large part of the deck work over the stern. No serious damage was done to the hull. Among the crowd of passengers on the Chicago were many women and a panic ensued when the accident occurred. Several of the women fainted, but no one was injured.

Telegraphic and telephonic communication in all directions was very slow. Up through New York State many wires were down and those which were not could only be operated slowly. Service to Chicago was greatly delayed. In New England the conditions were better, but to many points business was moved slowly.

Steamer in Great Peril.

NEW YORK, December 27.—The British steamer Drumelzier, which went ashore on the point of Fire Island bar, two miles to the west of the Fire Island lighthouse Monday night in a blinding snow storm, is still hard aground. The vessel left New York Sunday bound for Swansea and Havre, and when she struck was many miles out of her course.

Efforts to-day to learn whether Captain Nicholson and the crew of the Drumelzier are still aboard the vessel have been unsuccessful, and to-night the life-savers were still watching from the beach in the hope of communicating with the ship.

Hidden in a black fog and pounded by fierce seas rolling from the southeast, the steamer to-night was in imminent danger of going to pieces. If her captain and crew of thirty-two men are still in the ship, they face an almost certain death in the heavy surf breaking over the sandy beach.

The captain would not let the life-savers take off his crew yesterday, when the seas were not running so high, and to-day it was too late to help them. No life-boat in the world could be launched in the teeth of the southeast gale that was blowing up great waves and crashing them down on the shore.

The fog was so thick that the stranded vessel could not be seen from the shore, 200 yards away. Out on the sandbar, where the big vessel was seen rocking in the waves last night, there was nothing visible to-day but a black haze, so dense that not even signal rockets could be seen from the shore.

WHITE MAN KILLED.

Fell from the Shoo Fly Train Near Tarboro Monday Night.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

TARBORO, N. C., Dec. 27.—The lifeless body of a white man, identified by letters found on his person as Joseph N. Kenny, of Charlotte, N. C., was found lying near the railroad track about four miles from town between Tarboro and Rocky Mount early this morning, with an arm broken and an ugly gash upon the chin, besides bruises upon the head. A coroner's inquest was held and the jury returned a verdict to the effect that the unfortunate man came to his death falling from the Shoo Fly train that passed here at 7:30 last night south bound. Inquires have been made by telegraph to Charlotte but no reply has been received.

FIRE AT OAK RIDGE.

Residence of Prof. J. Allen Holt Completely Destroyed.

[*Special to Raleigh Post.*]

OAK RIDGE, N. C., Dec. 26.—The handsome residence of Prof. J. Allen Holt, of the Oak Ridge Institute here, was burned to the ground at 8 o'clock this morning. The fire was first discovered by the kitchen falling in. Mr. Earle Holt, son of Professor J. Allen Holt, was painfully burnt about the neck and hands, but his wounds are not serious. By heroic efforts of the students, professors and faculty the dormitory and the institute were saved. The total value of the property burned was $6,000; fully covered by insurance.

SOUTHERN COTTON GROWERS:

Call for an Interstate Convention to be Held in New Orleans January 24th to 26th, 1905.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MACON, GA., Dec. 26.—A special to the Telegraph from Monticello, Ga., says that President Harvie Jordan, of the Southern Cotton Grower't Protective Association, has issued a call for an interstate convention to be held at New Orleans January 24, 26, 1905. Among the matters for consideration to be acted upon are the following, according to the call:

"Financing the entire spot cotton business of the South; creating a bureau of statistics for benefit of the producer; establishment of a cotton exchange in each State through which our cotton can be sold direct to manufacturers; organization quickly of all the cotton producers in each cotton growing county; reduction of cotton acreage and use of commercial fertilizers for 1905, of not less than 25 per cent.; adoption of local warehouse system to meet the practical demand of both farmers and bankers throughout the South; to make New Orleans the leading cotton exchange in the United States; the formation of a close alliance between all the Southern agricultural organizations now in existence for mutual co-operation and protection. These are among the leading matters for consideration. They are momentous and some of them involve tremendous propositions. But none are incapable of solution and practical realization. "The South possesses the brains, the manhood and the money to solve a great question which threatens her future prosperity."

MUNROE & MUNROE.

Bankrupt Firm Charged With "Washing" Stock of the Montreal and Boston Mining and Smelting Co.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—That stock of the Montreal and Boston Mining and Smelting Company was "washed" by Munroe & Munroe, the bankrupt brokerage firm, was the opinion expressed to-day by Q. W. Bosee, secretary and treasurer of the mining company, during his examination before United States Commissioner Alexander in the bankruptcy proceedings. Bosee said that prior to the failure of Munroe & Munroe he had no knowledge of alleged washing of his company's stock. About 10,000 shares syndicate stock was sold and the books showed that Munroe & Munroe had 88,000 shares charged to them. Since the last examination the witness said he was satisfied that according to the definition given by Mr. Untermyer, counsel for the creditors, the Montreal and Boston stock had been washed.

He himself had purchased 54,000 shares of the stock between November 17 and December 10. This stock he periodically turned back to Munroe & Munroe.

Mr. Bosee said his idea was that he was to buy the stock and support it in case it should be offered by some one at a figure below the prevailing market quotation. He did not at that time, nor did he now, understand that he had assisted in washing stock.

POLYGAMOUS POSTMASTERS.

Report Presented to the President by Postmaster General Wynne.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Postmaster General Wynne presented to the President a report prepared by the department in response to the resolution of Senator DuBois, of Idaho, regarding postmasters or other postal employes who may be living in polygamy.

The report finds that there are four postmasters who have sustained polygamous relations. All these are at small places and the relations, it is stated, have not been continued since the passage of the Edmunds law, the offences having occurred prior to that enactment. In view of this it has been determined not to take any action in their cases.

RAILROAD FREIGHT RATES.

Question Discussed by Attorney General Moody With the President.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Attorney General Moody to-day discussed with the President some phases of the railroad freight rate question. Both the President and the attorney general recently have devoted much time to that problem. The latter is giving particular attention to the legal side of the question. It is understood not to be the intention of the President and the attorney general to prepare and press the consideration in Congress of an "administration measure," dealing with the railroad freight problem. Such bill it is thought (to quote a member of the cabinet) would be destined to defeat."

WARM WIRELETS

Specials from Covington, Ga., say that the boilers at the electric light plant exploded there yesterday and killed the fireman, J. L. McCullough. The cause of the accident is unknown.

General Wilson, chairman of the inaugural committee, has received a request from Lieutenant C. B. Ballard, in command of Company K, Birmingham, Ala., Rifles, for a place in the inaugural parade.

Dockyard laborers at Sevastopol have been released from their obligations as members of the reserves in order that they may continue work on the vessels of the Black Sea fleet which is being pushed with the greatest energy.

The compiroller of the currency has declared a second dividend of 15 per cent. in favor of the creditors of the First National Bank of Florida, of Jacksonville, making in all forty per cent. on claims proved amounting to $236,588.

John Guy, foreman of bricklayers, was burned to death and five others seriously injured in an explosion in furnace "J," of the Edgar Thomson plant of the Carnegie Steel Company at Braddock, Pa. Of the injured, who were all foreigners, Michael Pasnick will die.

Thomas Watson, of Thompson, Ga., the candidate of the People's party for President at the last election, has incorporated a stock company called Tom Watson's Magazine, for the purpose of publishing and circulating a monthly literary periodical of that name.

In an effort to arrest Jessie Wofford, Charles Holland, Fred Westmoreland and a young man named Patterson, at Oakwood, GA., Bob Puckett, chief of ponce of that town, was shot through the bowells, and as he fell he shot Jesse Wofford through the stomach. The latte died soon afterward, while Puckett is in a dangerous condition.

A SUIT AGAINST THE PAPER TRUST.

Instituted by the Federal Government to Enjoin Operations of General Paper Co.

A WISCONSIN CORPORATION.

Combination in Restraint of Trade to Control the Distribution and Sale of Products Among the States of the Union.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ST. PAUL, MINN., December 27.—Attorney General Moody for the United States, through United States District Attorney Haupt and Frank B. Kellogg and James M. Beck, special assistant attorneys general of the United States, late this afternoon filed a petition in the United States District Court, in which he names the General Paper Company as principal defendant and its constituent companies party defendants in a suit to enjoin them and restrain them from doing business through the General Paper Company as the sales agent in violation of provisions of sections one and two of the act of Congress, approved July 2, 1890, entitled an "Act to protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies."

The petition alleges that the defendants entered into an agreement to combine and control the sale of the product of the different companies through the General Paper Company in that the General Paper Company regulated prices, sales and shipments and territory for the sale of the same and after deducting operating expenses of the General Paper Company, divided the surplus among the members of the corporation.

The paper recites that the General Paper Company was organized under the laws of Wisconsin, May 26th, 1900, with a capital stock of $100,000 divided into 1,000 shares which were distributed among and are now held by certain of the defendants named, and that later the others were taken into the combination, naming them in the order in which they entered the combine and goes on to state that the General Paper Company became the exclusive selling agent for the defendants with absolute power to control the output of the various mills, fix the price of all paper sold and to whom and upon what terms and conditions the paper should be sold; and into what States and places it shall be shipped and what customers and which mills each shall supply.

The petition alleges that in consequence of the combination, all competition in the manufacture, sale and distribution of paper had been restricted and the price of all the other paper products greatly increased, particularly that of the news print paper, which has been increased about 50 per cent. It further states that no dealers or newspapers or other consumers in the territory west of the Mississippi, with the exception of certain newspaper publishers in St. Louis and Chicago, can purchase any paper, except through the General Paper Company, and only upon terms dictated by the latter.

The court is asked to declare the alleged combination unlawful and that the defendants be perpetually enjoined from doing any act in pursuance of the same. That the General Paper Company be enjoined from acting as sales agent for the other defendants, and that the latter be enjoined from continuing their arrangement with the General Paper Company. The court is also asked to direct the defendants to come into court and answer all questions relating to the allegations of the petition as may be necessary.

THE LYRIC STOCK COMPANY.

These Entertainers Continue to Score With Our Theatre-Goers.

The Lyric Stock Company scored again heavily at the Academy last night. The bill was Hal Reid's beautiful drama, "The Tie that Binds," and the piece was given a splendid presentation. There is one thing delightful about the company, and that is that worn-out plays have been relegated to the past. Nothing but the very latest is being presented and these same "latest" consists of up-to-day successes. The play last night and its manner of presentation would have brought glory to a one night stand attraction. It was one of the sweetest and one of the most heart-touching pieces ever seen here. And the players: Well, each one played with marked ability.

As Monday, the specialties were new and pleasing and each secured a well-deserved encore.

A special matinee will be given this afternoon, when the big success of last night, "The Tie That Binds," will be repeated. This performance should attract the ladies by the hundreds and, no doubt, will do so. It will be given on the same complete scale as last evening. There will also be plenty of specialties.

"The Lobster," a play of comedy type, will be offered. It will present an abundance of fun.

Seats for the performance are now on sale at Plummer's.

NAN PATTERSON IN PRISON.

Receives Large Quantities of Mail Every Day—Her Father.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 27.—Nan Patterson's father returned to New York to-day from Washington where he had spent Christmas and yesterday with his wife. He went direct to the Tombs prison to see his daughter. Mr. Patterson brought with him several gifts for his daughter and a message of cheer from her mother. He said that he would remain in the city until after his daughter has her next trial. "She has no other friend in the world except myself and her mother," he said, "and I feel it my duty to be here."

Miss Patterson continues to receive large quantities of mail every day. There were forty-five letters for her to-day.

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P. S.—See window display. dec 16 tf

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From and after this date no one is authorized to receipt for either future or past due subscriptions except Mr. Cowan without written authority from the proprietor.

The change must necessarily result in some confusion; and we trust our city subscribers will aid us by reporting all irregularities and failures in the delivery of their papers.

Under the new system we have adopted we can safely promise a greatly improved service.

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Dec. 25, 1904.

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